

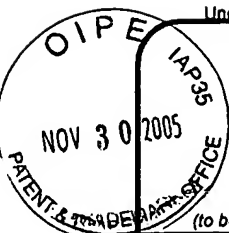
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Title: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

Dear Examiner McIntosh:

Enclosed please find a Supplemental Information Disclosure listing the documents cited in the European search report for the EPO national phase, based on the above application. Copies of the non-US patent references are included. Here are my comments on these references:

1. USP 6,159,942: this patent, filed by the present applicant, discusses the use of ribose in healthy persons, not those undergoing cardiac rehabilitation. Example 5 shows a patient with coronary artery disease, who was considered to be healthy following coronary artery bypass grafting. He had no angina even on treadmill testing. Example 6 shows a person recovering from a severe bacterial infection. He is described as recovered, with no overt disease. It would not be known from this study whether cardiac patients requiring rehabilitation could benefit from low doses of oral ribose.
2. USP 6,218,366: this patent, filed by the present applicant, describes an acute study for the purpose of uncovering hibernating myocardium. Example 5, considered by the EPO Examiner to be relevant is a short term, three day, trial of ribose at high doses of about 13 grams per administration. Example 6 discusses potential benefits of co-administering a vasodilator with ribose but is silent on the dosage to be administered.
3. JA02286620: describes the use of a polysaccharide, including a ribose polysaccharide, found in green tea. No further description of this polysaccharide is provided.

4. MAHONEY: this paper reports that ribose cannot be used as a sole energy source in the isolated working rat heart. These findings say nothing about low doses of ribose supplemented with the energy sources of a normal diet in intact mammals.
5. ZIMMER: intact rats were subjected to regional cardiac ischemia. Recovery was found to be enhanced by very high levels (200 mg/kg/hour) of intravenously administered ribose. It should be pointed out that these were young, healthy animals subjected to an acute ischemic event, while cardiac patients have a chronic condition that develops over time and need chronic therapy. See also the discussion of Dr. Pliml's paper below.
6. LOSCALZO: this paper is a fine review of the state of knowledge of the ubiquitous cell effector nitric oxide in 1995. No mention is made of ATP resynthesis or an effect of ribose on nitric oxide generation.
7. CYR [sic: St. Cyr]: this paper is discussed in conjunction with the next reference, that of Dr. Pliml.
8. Pliml et al: Dr. Pliml has tried for many years, possibly based on the Dr. St. Cyr 1989 paper, to find a way to use ribose in various conditions. As discussed in the St. Cyr affidavit previously submitted to you (copy attached for your convenience) the original work by Drs. John Foker and John St. Cyr was one of the first attempts to study ribose in an intact mammal. In the study, healthy dogs weighing about 25 kilograms were subjected to twenty-minute cardiac cross-clamping. After this induced global ischemia, ATP levels were very low (about 50%) of preop levels) and ribose was given intravenously to enhance recovery. The dosage of ribose was about 17 grams per day with 100% bioavailability. Following the teachings of Dr. Foker and Dr. Zimmer, Dr. Pliml's study of 20 men with ischemic heart disease used correspondingly high doses of oral ribose, that is, 60 grams a day in four doses. A baseline treadmill exercise assessment was performed. After three days of ribose administration, , treadmill exercise

time to angina was improved. The dosage was not continued chronically to determine whether the effect would persist or even provide further improvement. It is our experience that doses over eight grams cause unacceptable gastrointestinal distress and therefore patient non-compliance would affect chronic use. In addition, it should be noted that Dr. Pliml co-administered glucose with the ribose. Dr. Pliml never discovered that the low doses of ribose without coadministered glucose as defined in the present claims could be effective and could be administered chronically.

I trust that these remarks will assist you in evaluating these newly presented references. Since there has not yet been an office action, I believe that no fee is due. If that is incorrect, please so notify me.

Respectfully submitted,

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